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SUBJECT: PL-480 PROJECT GENETIC CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES, INDIA

1. DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH WHO VECTOR BIOLOGY CONTROL GROUP THIS DATE REGARDING PL-480 FUNDED PROJECT, GENETIC CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES, INDIA

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BOTH U.S. AND WHO REPS AGREED THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT SHOULD CONTINUE SO AS NOT TO LOSE INVESTMENT IN METHODOLOGY ALREADY MADE.

2. WHO POINTED OUT THREE AREAS IN U.S./WHO AGREEMENT WITH WHICH INDIA HAS PROBLEMS: (1) REQUIREMENT FOR U.S. CONCURRENCE IN SELECTION OF PROJECT DIRECTOR; (2) AUDIT PROVISIONS AND (3) PATENT PROVISIONS. WITH REGARD TO (1), WHO HAS PROVIDED ASSURANCE THAT SELECTION OF AN INDIAN PROJECT LEADER WOULD NOT COMPROMISE THEIR (WHO) DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE PROJECT. WITH REGARD TO (2) WE AGREED U.S. COULD ACCEPT FOR THIS PROJECT PRINCIPLE OF OTHER U.S. PROJECT GRANTS TO AND CONTRACTS WITH WHO. WITH REGARD TO (3) WE NOTED THIS HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF LONG NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA AND INDICATED OUR HOPE THAT SUITABLE PATENT CLAUSES COULD BE AGREED TO.

IF DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH GOPALAN, WHO IS IN U.S., REGARD-
ING THIS PROJECT, PLEASE REFLECT THESE AGREEMENTS IN THE DISCUSSION.
IF GOPALAN AVAILABLE TO STOP IN GENEVA DURING PERIOD EHRLICH STILL
HERE (FEB 3-7), TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT COULD PRESUMABLY BE
REACHED TO GUARANTEE CONTINUATION OF PROJECT.

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3. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH VECTOR CONTROL GROUP

FOCUSED ON MALARIA CONTROL IN INDONESIA. IN MAY 1974, REVISED PLAN OF OPERATIONS WAS SIGNED BY WHO AND GOI AND DURING SAME MONTH USAID AGREED TO PROVIDE A LOAN TO THE PROGRAM. TOTAL FUNDS FROM ALL SOURCES IS US\$47.5 MILLION OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.

4. MR. ED SMITH, SERVING AS A WHO CONSULTANT, CONCURRED IN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SUB-UNIT AT SEMARANG OF WHO VECTOR AND RODENT CONTROL UNIT, TO CONDUCT STAGE V INSECTICIDE TRIALS WITH BIODEGRADABLE DDT AND OTHER COMPOUNDS. IN LIGHT OF INSECTICIDE RESISTANCE PROBLEM, PROJECT IS OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE. APPARENTLY AID HAS AGREED TO FUND THIS ADJUNT PROJECT IN EXCESS OF \$300,000 OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD. LARGER EFFORT DEPENDENT UPON THE TRIALS AND DELAY IN COMMITMENT FROM AID IS RETARDING PROGRESS. PLEASE CONTACT SMITH, AID, REGARDING STATUS AND REPLY. ABRAMS

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